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HB HB 572

Building Value through Discovery & Innovation

February 18, 2009

Montana House of Representatives
PO Box 200400
Helena, MT 59620-0400

Dear Member of the Business and Labor Committee,

Resodyn Corporation views HB 572 as an extremely important initiative that will leverage significant Federal research dollars into the state. Funds that would go untapped by Montana businesses without the resources that HB 572 will provide. In particular, awards from the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) program awards for Phase II, typically in the range of \$750,000, are heavily influenced by the ability of the small business to bring in cost sharing from a non-Federal source.

Resodyn Corporation knows the SBIR/STTR program well, and is ranked nationally in its ability to compete and win in the SBIR/STTR program, having won 90 awards, bringing more than \$18 million of Federal funds into Montana since 1994. We can attest to the fact that the national competition for the \$2.5 billion dollar program among the small business technology community is fierce.

Not only do the SBIR/STTR funds provide funds to support Research and Development jobs in Montana these funds provide much needed seed money for the development of new products that can be manufactured in Montana, creating high-paying, quality, sustainable jobs in the state. In particular, Resodyn Corporation is currently manufacturing products in our Butte manufacturing facility that were initially funded by the SBIR/STTR program. We have created good, sustainable jobs by winning in this program.

Other states in the nation provide matching fund programs, which provides advantages over Montana companies competing in the program. In order to keep Montana competitive and to help us grow new and better technology jobs into the future, Resodyn Corporation strongly supports the pending legislation that will provide these important funds to help leverage Federal funds into Montana.

Respectfully,

Lawrence C. Farrar, PE
President



Fluorescence Innovations, Inc.

Members, House Business and Labor Committee
February 19, 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to briefly comment on HB572. My name is Greg Gillispie and I am the president of Fluorescence Innovations, Inc., which started operations in Bozeman in 2006. Earlier in my career, I was a chemistry professor from 1977-1982 at the State University of New York at Albany and from 1983-1997 at North Dakota State University (NDSU), where I was also department chair from 1989-1993. In 1993 I started a company named Dakota Technologies, Inc. (DTI) and served as its president until founding Fluorescence Innovations. Over 13 years DTI grew to more than 20 employees (average salary greater than \$45,000) and nearly \$3 million annual revenue. The company's technology base was largely built via grants from the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR).

So although I've been a Montana resident for a relatively short time, I have more than 20 years' university and small business experience in a neighboring state. Over this time, I've paid careful attention to the strategies adopted by different states, particularly the more rural ones, to facilitate technology and economic development. The states that succeed are the ones that fully understand creating a vibrant research and technology commercialization climate takes time and careful coordination. The states that look for quick success generally do not succeed. Montana has been a model in intelligently using programs like SBIR, EPSCoR, and the Montana Board of Research and Commercialization (MBRCT) to bring about systemic changes and help companies create high paying jobs.

Fluorescence Innovations is currently working on a two-year, \$375K MBRCT grant in collaboration with scientists at Montana State University and the University of Montana. The required matching funds came from a Phase I SBIR grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The focus of the grant is generating high quality research data on the fluorescence of proteins, using a novel fluorescence instrument developed by us. We have already obtained two instrument orders (University of Minnesota, University of Kansas) for \$180K and an additional \$365K grant from the National Science Foundation. We project this is just the tip of the iceberg with sales growing to 50 or more instruments per year within the next five years.

I am confident that similar success stories will follow if HB572 is enacted. Note that Phase II SBIR grants are typically five times larger than the Phase I grants and that only those companies who have received a Phase I grant are eligible to submit a Phase II proposal on the same topic. Phase II funding is critically dependent on two components: the technical success in Phase I and the commercialization plan that must accompany the Phase II proposal. HB572 will give Montana companies a vital leg up in both components.

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The Honorable: Bill Wilson - D- Chair - Great Falls, Michele Reinhart - D- V. Chair – Missoula, Bill Beck - R- V. Chair – Whitefish, Elsie Arntzen - R- Billings, Shannon Augure - D- Browning, Paul Beck - D- Red Lodge Tom Berry - R- Roundup, Carlie Boland - D - Great Falls, John Fleming - D - St. Ignatius, Timothy Furey - D - Milltown, Chuck Hunter - D – Helena, Harry Klock - R- Harlowton, Mike Milburn - R – Cascade, Pat Noonan - D – Ramsay, Scottt Reichner - R – Bigfork, Cary Smith - R – Billings, Gordon Vance - R – Bozeman, and Jeffrey Welborn - R – Dillon:

ATERIS Technologies is small biotechnology business with interest in developing new biosensor devices for agriculture and preclinical therapeutics for the treatment of neurologic diseases and injuries. To our knowledge we may be the only biotechnology company that is located in both Missoula and Bozeman. We have a staff of 8-10 scientists working at these two aforementioned sites and also via a subcontract at The University of Montana. We encourage and promote strong integration with the University. We employ University of Montana graduates and Montana residents. We are at the early stage point of our growth having formed only two years ago but are critically dependent on government funding. We have already have received two SBIR grants from the National Institutes of Health totaling over \$3M to begin our Phase I and Phase II efforts but clearly, without this support we could not imagine starting a company in Montana. These funds along with significant personal investment have the company viable and we can meet our monthly payroll for the short term.

I write in very strong support of HB 572, the legislation currently proposed that creates a state fund to match federal SBIR/STTR awards to small businesses. I cannot adequately express the impact, scope and importance of such a program in this short paragraph to our entire state but in our particular instance, such a program would allow us to advance our preclinical discoveries and designs and breadboard devices to the desperately needed technical advisors, marketing specialists, and development teams that could make ATERIS profitable. One of the highly significant voids in federal funds is the budget focus on technology development and proof of principle that lacks the needed teamwork to bring products to market. As many in biotech have experienced there are also broadened opportunities that arise during development and additional funds would permit us to pursue promising leads and file new patents and IP – all strategic milestones needed to maintain and sustain the company viability. HB572, if funded, would do more than merely 'sustain' small business. HB572 could provide the fiscal opportunity and flexibility for new conduits for exploration including filing for patents. I also cannot emphasize enough the importance of small businesses in Montana to expand their business model, broaden and strengthen their intellectual property, and to literally build a product line that can employ a diversity of skill sets of Montanan's.

ATERIS is going to struggle to meet its budget constraints but we will survive. Survival, however, is not the small business model we seek in Montana - the model is success and HB572 will make the difference. We genuinely appreciate you considering this legislation. If HB572 is approved, I am confident small businesses, the State, our citizenry and economy will benefit greatly. Thank you for initiating this legislation, considering its approval, and reading my letter of support.

With due respect,

Director and Owner
ATERIS Technologies LLC



February 18, 2009.

Honorable, Mr. Wilson, Chair, Ms. Reinhart, Mr. Beck, vice-chairs, and members of the Montana House Business And Labor committee,

AdvR is high-technology company developing new laser application for biomedical, communications and a host of innovative technologies home grown right here in Bozeman. We employ Montana State University graduates and sell our products to university researchers, companies and government agencies throughout the US and the World. We depend upon government funding for early-stage research and development of our technology. Without this funding, we would not be a small business in Montana. This federal technology funding provides the support necessary to bring our products to market. Unfortunately, SBIR federal funding limits us in how we use this funding to achieve commercial success.

I am writing in support of HB 572, legislation that would create a state fund to match federal SBIR/STTR grants to small businesses. State support would directly help us to reach out to those who can help bring our technology to market. In the ten years we have been in existence, we have attracted about \$10M in development funds. A significant portion of this funding, and commercial sales are the direct result of the federal SBIR program. We are part of an expanding Montana technology sector with steady growing commercial sales and more good-paying jobs.

AdvR has successfully used SBIR/STTR funds to develop and commercialize new lasers for a broad range of applications. However, federal funds often fall short of what is needed to get to market. Matching funds from the state could be used to cover costs incurred establishing our technologies in the marketplace. These funds could also be used as a bridge to Phase II funding during the funding hiatus that often occurs between Phase I and Phase II funding.

Like so many small businesses in Montana, we struggle and bootstrap to move our technology forward. Montana companies are highly successful in winning SBIR grants, but less so in turning these technologies into commercial products. The funding provided through this program will help a broad set of Montana industries in agriculture, energy, defense, photonics, engineering, software development, and biomedical bring their products to the market. This assistance could play a critical role in bringing additional clean high technology jobs to Montana.

Thank you for considering this legislation. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Ron Cooper
Director Program Development

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February 19, 2009

Dear Members of the Montana Legislature,

I am writing to you as the chairman of the Montana BioScience Alliance and a founder of a successful Montana biotechnology company, LigoCyte Pharmaceuticals. Four years ago, working with Dave Gibson of the Governor's Office and representatives of a broad consortium of Montana biomedical businesses, both public and private Montanans created the BioScience Alliance. The Alliance's mission since its inception has been to drive economic development in the high tech business sector to create more and better paying jobs for our Montana graduates.

This year we are making an effort to move forward a bill in the Montana Legislature, HB 572, to create a state SBIR/STTR matching Fund to bolster technology business start-ups in Montana.

This fund would be used to match federal SBIR and STTR Phase I business grants for the development of high tech products. The funds provided by the state would be used to cover costs not allowed in the federal program such as protection of intellectual property, through the filing of patents as well as business development and product marketing. The funds would also be used to bridge to Phase II funding during the funding break that exists between Phase I and Phase II funding (usually several months up to six).


The seed capital and life blood of LigoCyte has been the SBIR/STTR program and many new Montana high tech companies are taking this same funding path to get started as we lack significant venture funding in the state. Since all federal SBIR Phase I winners would be eligible under this program the funding would not be limited to biotech but cover a broad set of industries and potential products. The spectrum of federal agencies that provide this funding is quite broad DOE, Dept of Ag, NIH, DoD, NSF and NASA to name just a few.

The realization of this proposal would be of significant benefit to the companies starting up in the State of Montana as this would supply them with an additional seed capital fund path to grow their business once winning federal grant support.

If you find this proposal of interest and would like more information I invite you to read the Alliance's Whitepaper and contact me, Anne Marie Quinn or Sharon Peterson the Executive Director of the Alliance for further information.

Thank you for your time, interest and Support!

Best regards,

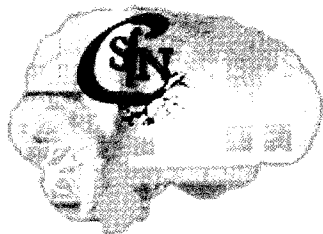


Robert F. Bargatze, Ph.D.

Chairman, Montana BioScience Alliance

And

Founder, Chief Scientific Officer, Executive Vice President, LigoCyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc.



Dear Members of the Montana House Business and Labor Committees

I write as a senior scientist and former Director of the Center for Biomedical Research Excellence in Neuroscience, an active member of the BioScience Alliance, and a recipient of grant support for the Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology.

In addition to biomedical research, one of the goals of our Neuroscience Center is to facilitate the transfer of our discoveries to the private sector where they can have a positive impact on Montana's economy. The MBRCT has provided critically needed support for this effort. In the past few years Center research has not only helped facilitate collaborative projects with several growing biotech companies in Montana, it has provided a foundation from which to launch 4 new companies!

The continued growth of such projects are heavily reliant upon SBIR/STTR support. Indeed, SBIR's are clearly one of the best mechanisms for capturing and commercializing the intellectual property generated from the research being conducted at Montana's universities. Any steps the State can take to encourage and facilitate private sector / university collaborations should be aggressively pursued. It provides a workable strategy to generate new jobs, new companies and keep our brightest graduates in Montana.

For these reasons I am writing in strong support of HB 572 that would create a state fund to match federal SBIR/STTR grants to small business.

Sincerely

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February 16, 2009

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Dear Representative:

This letter is written in support of HB572, which will provide matching funds for Montana businesses that win Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Phase I awards. These matching funds will be a good investment for Montana, as they will provide needed resources critical for small business success and make Montana small businesses more competitive for SBIR funding – which leads to high-paying jobs. As examples, Resonon Inc. and AdvR Inc., companies I co-founded, were started largely with SBIR funding and together currently bring in approximately \$3 million annually to the Montana economy.

Winning SBIR awards has recently become more difficult for Montana small businesses due to changes in the SBIR laws that favor firms with easy access to venture capital funding. Fortunately, matching funds are viewed favorably by the funding agencies, and thus HB572 is especially important now to help offset the disadvantages that have resulted from the recent changes to the law. Therefore I ask you to please vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you for considering this important topic and please contact me at your convenience if you would like to discuss this matter.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rand Swanson".

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February 17, 2009

I am writing to you as a faculty member of Veterinary Molecular Biology at Montana State University. This year there is an effort to move forward a bill in the Montana Legislature (HB572) that would provide state matching funds to bolster technology business start-ups in Montana. These funds would be used to match federal SBIR and STTR Phase I business grants for the development of high tech products. Ten other states currently provide SBIR/STTR matching funds to companies that win federal grants, which is a very competitive process.

The funds provided by the state could be used to cover costs not allowed in the federal program such as protection of intellectual property, business development and product marketing. The funds would also be used to bridge to Phase II funding during the funding break that exists between Phase I and Phase II funding (usually several months).

Since all federal SBIR Phase I winners would be eligible under this program the funding would not be limited to biotech but would apply to a broad set of industries as well as potential products. The spectrum of technologies would include energy, defense, photonics, engineering and software development, as well as biotech.

The SBIR/STTR business grants have proven to be beneficial to both Montana companies and Montana State University. They provide the opportunity for a business-academic partnership to develop new products and ideas that have a direct stimulus effect on the local economy. These also enable spin-off biotechnology companies to remain in Montana and provide good paying technical jobs to MSU graduates.

A white paper that describes this legislation is attached here. Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Thank you for your time and interest!

Sincerely,

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February 17, 2009

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RE: In Support of HB 572

I am writing as the Director of Client Development at TechRanch in support of HB 572, new legislation that would create a state SBIR/STTR Matching Fund to bolster technology business start-ups in Montana. This fund would be used to match federal SBIR and STTR Phase I business grants for the development of high tech products. Ten other states currently provide SBIR/STTR matching funds to companies that are awarded the federal grants in a very competitive process.

The funds provided by the state could be used to cover costs not allowed in the federal program such as protection of intellectual property, business development and product marketing. These funds could also be used to bridge to Phase II funding during the funding break that exists between Phase I and Phase II funding (usually several months up to six).

The seed capital for many of TechRanch's clients has been the SBIR/STTR program. Since all federal SBIR Phase I winners would be eligible under this program the funding would cover a broad set of industries and potential products. The spectrum of technologies would include energy, defense, photonics, engineering and software development, as well as biotech.

Please join TechRanch in supporting small technology businesses in Montana and help us in our mission to grow Montana's economy and create new jobs in the state.

Sincerely,

Gary Bloomer
Director of Client Development

cc: John O'Donnell

ATERIS Technologies

Feb. 18, 2009

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Dear Montana Representatives,

I am writing to you as partner and founder of three Montana-based, start-up biotechnology companies: NanoValent Pharmaceuticals, Inc., ATERIS Technologies LLC and Innovotech LLC, and a member of the Montana Bioscience Alliance. The Alliance's mission since its inception has been to drive economic development in the high tech business sector to create more and better paying jobs for our Montana graduates.

This year we are making an effort to move forward a bill in the Montana Legislature (HB572) to create a state SBIR/STTR matching Fund to bolster technology business start-ups in Montana. This fund would be used to match federal SBIR and STTR Phase I business grants for the development of high tech products. Ten other states currently provide SBIR/STTR matching funds to companies that are awarded the federal grants in a very competitive process. Companies from these other states are our competition.

The funds provided by the state could be used to cover costs not allowed in the federal program such as protection of intellectual property, business development and product marketing. The funds would also be used to bridge to Phase II funding during the funding break that exists between Phase I and Phase II funding (usually several months up to six).

The seed capital and life blood of ATERIS has been the SBIR/STTR program and many other new Montana high tech companies are taking this same funding path to get started as we lack significant venture funding in the state. Since all federal SBIR Phase I winners would be eligible under this program the funding would not be limited to biotech but cover a broad set of industries and potential products. The spectrum of technologies would include energy, defense, photonics, engineering and software development, as well as biotech.

Thank you for your time and interest!

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Why is HB 572 so important now?

- HB 572 is about building new technology business in Montana.
- HB 572 develops diverse economic sectors including clean energy, agriculture, defense, biotech, photonics and software engineering.
- HB 572 invests in SBIR/STTR companies to develop the best technologies in the country.
- SBIR/STTR companies have raised over \$100M in new funds for R&D development in Montana to date and created over a thousand good-paying jobs across the state.
- SBIR/STTR companies generate new tax revenues for Montana.
- SBIR/STTR companies protect intellectual property from Montana Universities and create new license revenue for the universities.

*Please read the attached white paper to find out why so
many other states provide matching funds to SBIR
companies!*



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SBIR/STTR GRANT PROGRAM FOR MONTANA

WHAT DO AMGEN, QUALCOMM, SYMANTEC AND BIOGEN HAVE IN COMMON? THEY RECEIVED SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH INNOVATION GRANTS TO HELP THEM COMMERCIALIZE THEIR PRODUCTS. THESE COMPANIES CREATED JOBS AND INCOME IN AMERICA'S METROS AREAS. BUT WHAT ABOUT IN MONTANA?

EDGAR RIBI had big ideas. To further those ideas he founded a small company called Ribi Immunochem Research in Hamilton, Montana. In 1986 the firm received a Federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant for \$50,000 to work on vaccines. Two more grants followed and the research moved forward to commercialization.

Fast forward to 2008 and Ribi Immunochem is now a part of GlaxoSmithKline, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies. Today Ribi's legacy is the GSK Hamilton plant with hundreds of millions in investment and 300 good paying jobs. Quite a payback from three small Federal grants.

And Ribi Immunochem is not the only Montana technology company to benefit from SBIR grants. Others include Butte's MSE Technology with 200 employees, Ronan's S&K Electronics with 130 employees and up-and-coming companies like Scientific Materials Corp (a subsidiary of FLIR Systems with 50 employees) and Ligocyte Pharmaceuticals (50 employees) in Bozeman. And this is only a sample of the jobs and firms developed in Montana with SBIR grants.

Montana SBIR recipients are commercializing technologies all over the state and in a number of high tech industries: pharmaceuticals and vaccines, advanced materials, defense and homeland security, agriculture, renewable energy and more.

What are SBIR and STTR grants?

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) are competitive Federal grant programs dedicated to proving the feasibility and potential of high-risk, innovative technologies and bring them to commercialization. They are designed to stimulate commercial R&D and entrepreneurship.

SBIR and STTR target small businesses and entrepreneurs because of their proven role in innovation. SBIR and STTR, by reserving some percentage of federal R&D funds for small business, lower the risk and expense for small tech firms. The programs fund the critical startup and development stages and encourage the commercialization of the technology, product, or service, which, in turn, stimulates the economy and generates new jobs and investment.

Many agencies give these grants with the largest percentage for Montana coming from Defense, Health, NASA, National Science Foundation and Agriculture. Since 1984 Montana firms have received over 300 grants representing over \$100 million in Federal grant dollars flowing to Montana.

"Ann Eskesen, director of the Innovation Development Institute and one of the country's leading authorities on the SBIR Program, estimates a significant award multiplier effect: for each SBIR dollar awarded to a company, five to seven dollars of economic benefit accrue to the economy of the state in which the company is located."¹

¹ Fred Patterson. "Regaining Ground: Business Investment and the SBIR Program in Texas," *Texas Business Review*, 2004, page 2.

Why a matching grant program for Montana?

Better paying jobs for Montanans come when Montana companies invest in the knowledge-based economy and produce high value goods and services. Risk capital is required to start and grow these companies in the formative stages of product development. A number of analyses confirm what the CEO'S of Montana's many technology companies have been saying for years. There is a severe lack of early stage startup and growth capital for young companies with strong growth potential. As a result, Montana companies have become adept at using the SBIR grant program as a seed capital source.

"SBIR addresses a paradox at the heart of innovation funding: capital is always short until the test results are in. At the idea stage, and even the early development stage, the risks are too great for all but a few investors, but innovations can't get beyond that stage without funding."²

Still, commercialization is a challenge without access to additional seed capital. State match dollars can help speed the commercialization process. Federal dollars can be used for limited purposes – basically product development. Montana's tech firms also need funds for developing business and funding plans and protecting their intellectual property. The ability to work on the technology while simultaneously building the business model would be a tremendous advantage for Montana's technology innovators.

A SBIR matching program for Phase I grants will help provide Montana's tech companies with the early stage funding that is more readily available to competing companies in other states. It will help them gain the leverage they need to generate next stage capital from private sources and avoid the "valley of death" that dooms many small entrepreneurial firms.

In addition, research has shown that SBIR grantees are more likely than non-SBIR firms to receive venture capital as they move to later stages of commercialization. This occurs because an SBIR award acts as a form of validation for external investors, providing a "halo effect."³ This is a great benefit in a state like Montana with limited access to capital. The more flexible use of the state's matching funds will assist SBIR recipients in building the business case for additional funding.

A matching program for Montana's SBIR grant recipients will require an annual outlay of \$2.5 million dollars. Over a 10-year period, based on 20 years of SBIR data, the grants are projected to generate⁴:

- Over 3,000 new high paying jobs with the firms that receive SBIR grants
- An additional 3,000 jobs from economic multiplier impacts
- Over \$300 million in new wages by year 10
- Taxes on wages that generate a net gain in state tax revenues over 10 years of nearly \$13 million

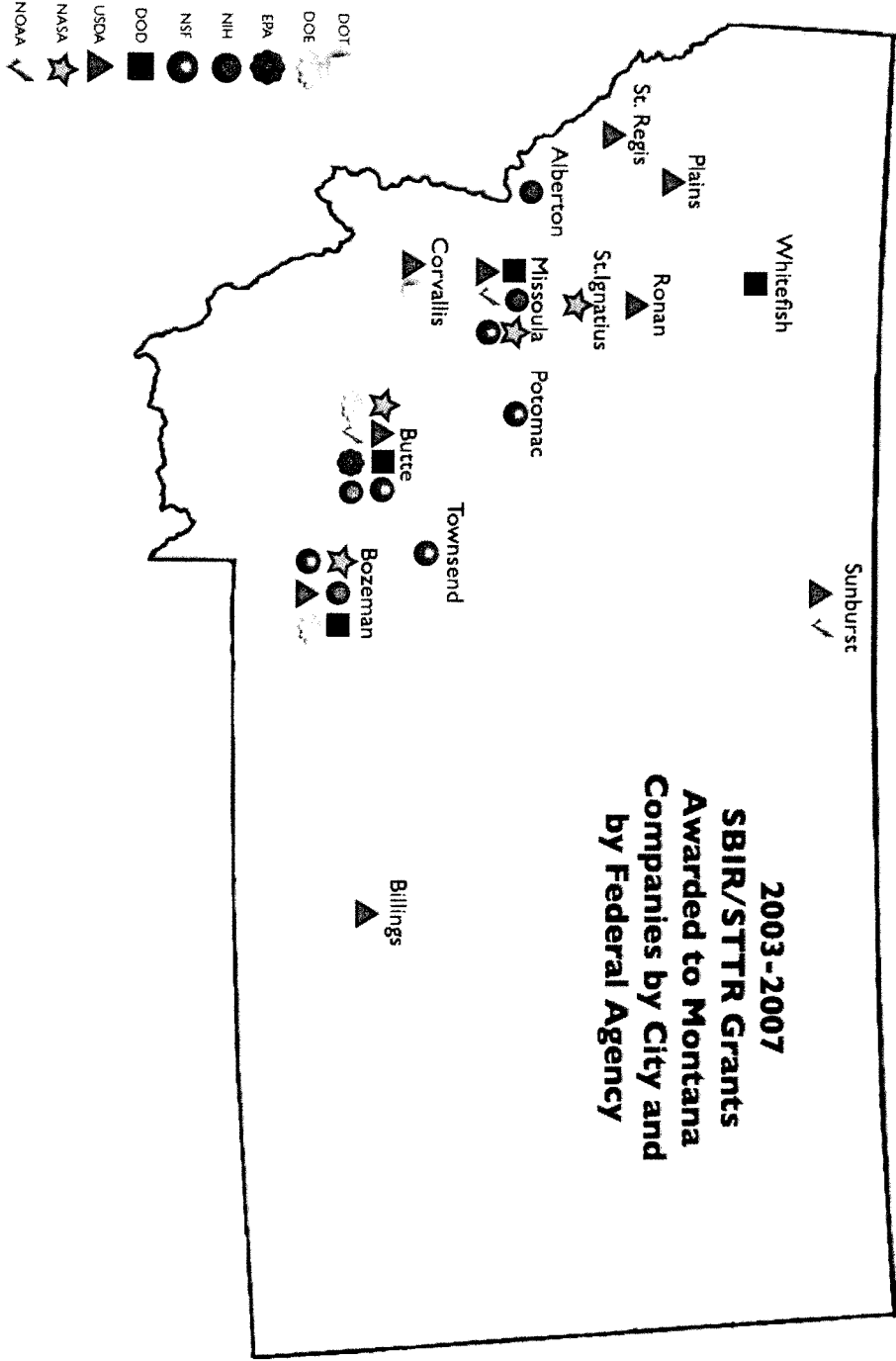
We recommend a SBIR/STTR grant match program for Phase I grants with a maximum match of \$100,000. Given the annual average number of 25 SBIR and STTR grants for Montana over the 2001-2006 period, the program will have an estimated maximum annual budget impact of \$2.5 million.

Grants would be restricted to Montana-based businesses and administered by the Montana Department of Commerce. Programmatic overhead would be minimal due to reliance on federal due diligence on grantees. Safeguards will be enacted to insure that recipients are commercialization oriented. We recommend a 5 percent set-aside for program administration and development of Montana's technology sector.

² Roland Tibbets. *Reauthorizing SBIR: The Critical Importance of SBIR and Small High Tech Firms in Stimulating and Strengthening the U.S. Economy*. National Small Business Association, 2008, page 2.

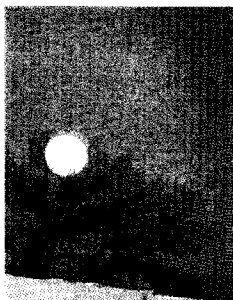
³ Charles Wessner. *An Assessment of the Small Business Innovation Research Program*, National Research Council, 2008, page 126.

⁴ Josh Lerner. "The Government as Venture Capitalist: The Long-Run Impact of the SBIR Program," *Journal of Business*, 1999, page 302.



Building Technology Businesses: Matching funds for SBIR/STTR

State	Program Description	Annual Budget	Website	Contact
Kansas	Matches up to \$50K for a Phase I award, up to 50 percent of a Phase II award, for a maximum of \$375,000.	\$30-35M per year via the Kansas Economic Growth Act.	www.kansasbioauthority.org/how_we_can_help/Matching.aspx	John Morrison 913-397-8300
Kentucky	Matches up to \$100K for Phase 1. Matches up to \$1M for Phase 2	\$2M for Phase 1 \$4M for Phase 2	www.thinkkentucky.com/dci/SBIR/	Kenneth Ronald 859-255-3613 (extension 252)
North Carolina	Matches up to \$100K for Phase 1. Payments made in two stages with 75% of match awarded upon proof of receipt of federal SBIR. Final 25% match paid upon submission of Phase 2 application.	\$5M	www.ncscienceandtechnology.org/	919-733-6500
Ohio	Up to \$350,000 for SBIR funded companies.	\$2M	www.thirdfrontier.com/document/s/tp/program2.pdf	Peter Stock
Oklahoma	Matches up to \$25K for Phase 1 and 2		www.oceast.state.ok.us/Programs/SBIRSTTR/label/58/Default.aspx	Sherry Roberts 405-319-8418
Illinois	Matches up to \$50K for Phase 1	\$1M	www.iltechparks.com/TIP-ICG.htm	John Barr 312-814-2259
Indiana	Matches up to \$100K for Phase 1		http://www.21fund.org/overview.aspx	Linda Peterson-Roe 317-234-4652
Hawaii	Matches up to \$25K for Phase 1	\$360K	http://www.htdc.org/sbir/matchin.aspx	Janice Kato 808-539-3814
New Jersey	\$50,000 to Phase 1 companies who apply for Phase 2	\$550K	www.nj.gov/scitech/entassisi/sbit/	James Patterson 609-984-1671
South Carolina	FY08 Pilot program matches up to \$100K for Phase 1.	\$1M	www.sclaunch.org/apply_sbir_sttr.shtml	SBIR@sclaunch.org



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It's all about jobs

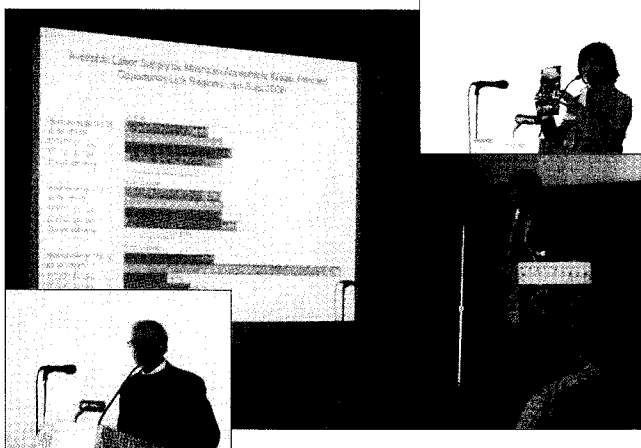


Photo center: Patrick Barkey, director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Missouri, presents powerpoint data during Opportunity Link's annual meeting Jan. 17, including what is considered an acceptable wage. Opportunity Link contracted with BBER to expand the labor force survey they are collecting for the Montana Department of State to obtain solid data showing the characteristic of the north-central region's labor force. Speakers Anne Marie Quinn (top right), founder and CEO of Montana Molecular, and James Lambert (bottom left), chairman of the board of Allied Bio-Energies.

Labor force, jobs topics focus of Opportunity Link annual meeting

Special to the Havre Daily
By Randi Szabo, Bank Communications for Opportunity Link

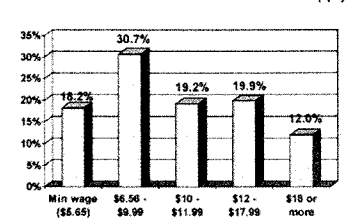
It's all about the jobs — that's the bottom line that describes the tone and the content of the recent annual meeting of Opportunity Link, a poverty-reduction organization serving north-central Montana.

About 100 people attended the meeting to learn about biotech and bioenergy opportunities, the regional labor force and business financing. They were the first to hear the findings of a labor force research study by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

Opportunity Link contracted the research, which included telephone survey responses collected from over a thousand adult residents of north-central Montana between January and September of 2008. Patrick Barkey, director of the University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, presented the findings. "Clearly the labor available is significantly higher than unemployment figures taken by themselves would suggest," said Barkey. A substantial number of respondents to the survey reported themselves as willing and available for new job opportunities. The BBER research estimates that 30,700 adults are available for jobs in the eleven-county, three-reservation region of north-central Montana. The total includes those willing to take a second

job, those who would switch to a better job, those employed part-time who want full-time work, and the 7,200 people who are currently unemployed and looking for work. The total includes more women than men, and most of the identified labor force is between the ages of 18 to 44.

Minimum Acceptable Wage
North Central Montana Available Labor Supply



"The available labor force that this report identifies is based on new opportunities for good-paying jobs," Barkey said. The study found that about 4,800 of the available labor force have college degrees. About half of the respondents indicated that their lowest acceptable wage would be ten

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Havre speech brings home two state champions, third-place trophy

From the Havre speech and debate team
The Havre High School speech and debate team, taking only 12 students to the Class A state championship tournament in Butte Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31, was able to bring home state champions in Megan Quintero and Gavin Swietnicki and outscored 19 other schools to take third overall in the competition.

"I'm very pleased with how our students did at the tournament," head coach Kevin Shellenberger said. "They showed that if you have a talented team, you can beat teams with more kids."

Perennial powerhouse Columbia Falls High School, which brought 26 competitors, won the tournament with 134 points, followed by Whitefish High School, whose 17 students scored 92 points. Havre, which qualified all of its

12 divisional entries to compete at state, took third with 59 points.

Billings Central High School's 24 students scored 67 points to take fourth and Hamilton High School, with 16 competitors, took fifth with 60 points.

All of Havre's 12 competitors scored points in the final placing with the exception of a recent addition to the team, Jordan Lamphier, who competed at only two



Havre High School state champions Megan Quintero and Gavin Swietnicki (front) Saturday hold the third-place state trophy won by Havre during the awards ceremony at the Class A State Speech, Debate and Drama Tournament in Butte.

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Great Lakes arrives in Havre

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Great Lakes Airlines made its first flight out of Havre Sunday, beginning its essential air service to north-central Montana, offering one flight a day to and from Billings. The 19-passenger Beech Aircraft model 1900C/121 turbo prop, flight number 5192, is scheduled daily departing Billings at 1:15 p.m. and arriving in Havre at 2:15 p.m.; and from Havre departing at 2:25 p.m. to Billings arriving at 3:15 p.m. seven days a week.

Tim Solomon, interim airport manager, said the first run went well. "It made it here, everything was on time, it went great," he said. "It is sure nice to see an airline back in Havre."

The first flight to Havre and back to Billings carried one lone passenger, an officer of Great Lakes Airlines.

"No one else arrived or left, just him," Solomon said. "I contribute it to the fact people don't even know it's up and going."

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VA schedules Havre Clinic open house

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Friday, Feb. 13, the new Veterans Administration Clinic in Havre will celebrate its January opening with an open house for the north-central Montana community from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"We invite you to take this opportunity to tour the clinic, meet the new staff and have refreshments," said VA Healthcare Montana spokeswoman Teresa Bell in an e-mailed release.

The clinic, pursued by Hi-Line residents for decades, opened Jan. 12 in the complex just east of Northern Montana Hospital. The complex also houses the dental offices of Drs. Michael Shelby and Daniel Shelby and the Bullhook Community Health Center.

The VA Clinic staff includes Dr. Robert Henderson; Teri Matosich, RN; and Kim Vassaur, clerk.

Prior to the clinic opening in Havre, qualifying veterans had to travel as far as Great Falls, Glasgow or Cut Bank to receive treatment paid for through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In the last round of looking for new locations, Havre put in for a clinic but was denied, with new clinics approved for Lewistown and Cut Bank instead.

Havre veteran Merrill Lundman led a grassroots push to create a new clinic in Havre, collecting signatures and contacting officials on the state level and the federal level, including Montana's U.S. Sens. Max Baucus and Jon Tester and Rep. Denny Rehberg, as well as the head of Veterans Affairs, Secretary R. James Nicholson.

Lundman died in December 2007, less than a month before the VA announced it would create a new clinic in Havre.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday. Its phone number is 265-4304. Veterans wanting to schedule a doctor's appointment can call 1 (877) 468-8387.

Northern Lights foundation donates \$138,000 for scholarships

By Havre Daily News staff

A local foundation has given a major grant to Montana State University-Northern to provide scholarships for students at the university.

The Northern Lights Athletic and Scholarship Foundation donated \$138,722.78 for athletic scholarships at the university for students in cheerleading, rodeo, wrestling, volleyball, golf, and men's and women's basketball. The money was presented to the university Friday, Jan. 30, during halftime of the basketball game between the Lights and the Carroll College Saints.

"As far as I know, this is the highest amount they have ever given us," said Christian Oberquell, assistant athletic director and head of sports medicine at Northern.

Oberquell said the distribution of the scholarships will vary between the different activities and the student who apply.

"We are very pleased to have the (foundation) doing all of that hard work to help us bring in all those top-quality athletes with their generous donations," Oberquell said.



Montana State University-Northern Athletic Director Mark Samson (from right) and Interim Chancellor Rolf Grosseth are presented a \$138,722.78 check from Northern Lights Athletic & Scholarship Foundation President Bill Keller and member Barry Zanto during halftime of the Lights basketball game Friday, Jan. 30.

OL annual meeting topics and speakers

Opportunity Link, the local organization "Empowering the Northcentral Montana Workforce," focused on labor availability in the Havre area during its annual meeting held Jan. 17 at the local university campus.

Opening remarks were presented by Opportunity Link Board Chairman Mary Ruth St. Pierre and Director Barbara Stiffarm. Topics included:

- Northcentral Montana's Available Labor Supply by Dr. Patrick Barkey, director, Bureau of Business and Economic Research; University of Montana
- Building a Biotech Company in Montana by Anne Marie Quinn, executive director of Montana Molecular
- Building the Private Sector in Northcentral Montana's Indian Country: The Equity Fund and the Indianpreneurship Curriculum by Philip Belangie, Entrepreneur Development Program manager, Montana Department of Commerce
- Potential of Northcentral Montana for Industry Growth by Bill Alexander, chief Development officer, NaturEner USA LLC
- Bringing Green Jobs to Montana by James Lambert, board chairman and Scott Geda, chief executive officer, Allied Bio-Energies LLC, and
- Business Financing for Community Development by Rosalie Sheehy Cates, executive director, Montana Community Development Corporation.

The annual meeting closed with a business session and presentation of the Outstanding Community Contributor awarding ceremony.

Sponsors of the annual meeting included: Northwest Area Foundation; Allied Bio-Energies LLC; Montana BioScience Alliance; Montana Community Development Corporation; Montana Department of Commerce; Montana Molecular; Montana State University-Northern; NaturEner USA LLC; University of Montana Bureau of Business & Economic Research; University of Montana College of Technology; Bear Paw Technologies; Erickson-Baldwin Insurance; Labors Local 1686 Little Rockies Smokehouse; Montana PEAKS Inc.; MSU-Northern Athletic Department; and Schine Electric; and Triangle Communications.

Speakers

Building a Biotech Company in Montana
Ann Marie Quinn is the Founder and chief executive officer of Montana Molecular. She brings 25 years of management experience in the biotechnology industry and

was most recently a senior applications scientist for a leading scientific software company. Prior to that, she directed the Bioinformatics Core Facility at the Yale School of Medicine and the Biocomputing Unit at the Salk Institute. She has consulted in the startup phases for several biotechnology companies, including Curagen, Exelixis and PPG. Quinn holds a master's degree in Public Health from Yale University.

Building the Private Sector in Northcentral Montana's Indian Country: The Indian Equity Fund and the Indianpreneurship Curriculum
Philip Belangie's career path encompasses both the public and private sectors. As an entrepreneur he has been the owner of a manufacturing company with over a hundred employees, served on the executive team of a medical products start up and worked as a consultant. He is currently the owner of a small business in Great Falls. In the public sector he has managed direct service programs for those in poverty. He is currently the Entrepreneurship Development Program manager with the Montana Department of Commerce. Philip manages Kauffman's Foundation's FastTrack courses, Indianpreneurship, A Native American Journey into Business, and the Montana Indian Equity Fund. He is a member of the executive team of the Montana Indian Business Alliance.

Bringing Green Jobs to Montana
James Lambert is the Chairman of the Board of Allied Bio-Energies and the chief executive officer of the Agro Management Group. He holds a Bachelor of Science and a post-graduate degree from Wisconsin State University on Industrial Psychology. Lambert has 35 years of experience in agricultural businesses as well as in economic development. He has published numerous articles on bio-based products, has two patents on bio-based lubricants and co-authored the Montana Model of Community Enhancement.

Business Financing for Community Development
Rosalie Sheehy Cates has been with the Montana Community Development Corporation for 18 years, 12 of them as executive director. Cates has dedicated her career to building community and business success in Montana. Cates is a former board member of the national Opportunity Finance Network and Small Business Advocate of the Year for Region 7 of the SBA. She is a Peter F. Drucker Foundation leadership fellow.

Airline: Solomon to manage airport for the next year

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To get rate quotes or book a flight, people can contact Great Lakes' local office directly at 265-0601, and the fax number is 265-4284. "Great Lakes has an office at the terminal open during normal business hours," Solomon said. "The employee hired to be the station manager was formerly the Big Sky Airlines agent here — Marie Orendack. She'll be the one in charge and there will be three part-timers to help out. We also now have the TSA security, there are four people stationed here right now. Having the airline back actually brings in quite a few jobs to Havre."

Great Lakes operations manager Margie Thomas, of Utah, is in Havre temporarily getting the new office off to a flying start.

"I assist with opening stations when they need me to, getting them set up, making sure everything is running smooth, hiring employees. We are looking for three part-time employees now and have quite a few applications. They will be customer service, do the checking-in, loading and unloading the plane. We train them to do everything."

Solomon said he will manage airport operations for the next year, while airport manager Bill Arvin serves in Iraq.

"Bill was deployed with the local National Guard unit," he said. "The airport board was advertising for someone to manage/cater, and it is hard to find someone who could take it over temporarily. Since the fairgrounds are busiest in summer, and the airport is busier in winter with snow removal, keeping runways clear — we are hoping it will work."

To learn more about Great Lakes, its planes and services routes visit the Web at www.flygreatlakes.com.

College wants waiver of nonresident tuition

MILES CITY — The Montana Board of Regents will be asked to approve a plan allowing Miles Community College to charge in-state tuition for certain students from outside Montana.

The in-state rate would apply to students from Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan. The plan is called "Grow Eastern Montana" and covers an area of 147,000 square miles.

Enrollment at Miles Community College has been in decline for five years, and the goal is to boost it. Regents will get the plan in May.

Information from: Miles City Star, <http://www.milescitystar.com> (AP)

Jobs: Survey has a 3.2 percent error rate

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dollars or more per hour: James Lambert, chairman of the board of Allied Bio-Energies LLC, had a response to the wage findings. "We've chosen to locate in Havre with no intent of finding the cheapest labor. Our business plan factors in a fair wage," he said. "We automatically penciled in an hourly wage of \$15 to \$30 with full benefit packages. In our business, we need quality people year in and year out."

Lambert told the audience, "Allied Bio-Energies LLC, is planning the construction of a 10-million gallon annual capacity biodiesel plant near Havre. The facility is expected to employ 25 to 30 full-time positions by its third year. Allied Bio-Energies is partnering with Opportunity Link to train workers on the job."

The BEER study showed that job skills training is valued by the work force — and the training workers prefer is on-the-job. Education for employment in the energy field was fourth among the job sectors mentioned in the survey results, however. The top four areas in which north-central Montana workers would like to be trained are, in order: information computer technology; health service fields; teaching and education; and energy production fields. These four were followed by training in construction trades and machine trades. "It's likely that these areas were chosen by those interviewed primarily because these are the jobs that they see as available in the region. Our task now is to show them that there is a growing demand for skilled workers in the emerging energy sector," said Barb Stiffarm, director of Opportunity Link.

The opportunities in the biofuel industry are relatively new to the workforce. The ABE facility will be the first of its type in Montana. "We are bringing green jobs to this area," said Lambert. "By hiring and training during the second half of the construction phase, we'll have the skilled workers we need at start-up." The training ground for new workers is one of the elements of the company's collaboration with

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MSU-Northern as well as Opportunity Link.

MSU-Northern and the bioenergy company also plan to create an industry link between product formulation and certification testing and ongoing research.

Anne Marie Quinn, founder and CEO of Montana Molecular, elaborated on the connection between university research and

the creation of new technology businesses that put workers in high-paying jobs. Quinn told the assembled group that biotech businesses in Montana benefit from the Montana BioScience Alliance by forming a direct link between university research and industry have a path to commercialization. She also emphasized the need for startup companies to develop and maintain partnerships with other organizations that can provide support. Her company is a business partner with MSU-Bozeman's biotech business incubator, TechRanch.

Other speakers at the Opportunity Link workforce seminar included Philip Belangie, who spoke on Indian Entrepreneurship and Rosalie Sheehy Cates, executive director of the Montana Community Development Corporation.

The labor force study for north-central Montana was the most recent study since 2002. The survey covered the counties of Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Pondera, Teton, Cascade, Judith, Basin and Chouteau plus the Blackfeet, Fort Belknap and Rocky Boy's Indian reservations. The survey results have a sample error rate of plus or minus 3.2 percent and are part of a larger study sponsored by the Montana Department of Labor for the entire state.

Estimated Available Labor Supply North Central Montana, 2008

Available Labor Supply = 30,700

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS					
GENDER	WORKERS	AGE	WORKERS	EDUCATION	WORKERS
Male	13,700	18-24	5,700	Less than High School	3,400
Female	17,000	25-44	11,100	High School graduate	19,900
		45-54	6,300	Some post high school	3,500
		55+	3,600	College graduate	4,800

WAGES AND COMMUTING			
LOWEST WAGE ACCEPTABLE	WORKERS	MAXIMUM COMMUTE	WORKERS
Minimum wage	5,600	0-10 miles	11,800
\$6.56-9.99	5,400	11-20 miles	9,800
\$10.00-11.99	5,900	21-30 miles	5,600
\$12.00-17.99	6,100	More than 30 miles	5,900
\$18.00+	3,700		

Speech: Team to travel to Helena next

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tournaments before qualifying for the state tournament in humorous oral interpretation of literature, missed the cut to semifinals by just a couple of points. Lamphier ended up in 18th in his event.

In Lincoln-Douglas debate, all three Havre students ended up in the top eight at state. Senior Gavin Swietnicki went undefeated at the tournament, winning the four preliminary rounds and quarter- and semifinals then winning in the finals against a debater from Polson in a close round.

Swietnicki won two of the three ballots in the finals to win a first-place medal in Lincoln-Douglas.

Senior James Wiken also went undefeated in the preliminaries, then defeated a debater from Whitefish High School in quarterfinals to advance to semis. In a close decision, Wiken in semis lost to the Polson debater who advanced to face Swietnicki in finals, stopping the chance for Havre to close out the top two spots in Lincoln-Douglas.

Sophomore Teresa Buerkle went undefeated in her first two rounds and was ranked as the top debater going into the third round. Buerkle lost the third and fourth rounds in close decisions, but still scored enough points to qualify her for the quarterfinals round. She lost in split decision to a Laurel High School debater in quarters and took eighth at the tournament.

In the speaking events, the competitors had to go through five rounds with one judge in each round, dropping their lowest score, to break into the top four rounds where panels of three judges ranked the competitors.

Havre's serious oral interpretation of literature squad made a strong showing at the tournament. Quintero, a junior, had some up and down scores early in the tournament, but made it

into the semifinal round with perfect scores in three of the five preliminaries. She went into the semifinal round in fourth place. Solid scores in semis and finals, including second-, third-, and fourth-place rankings from the finals judges, earned her a state championship medal in the event.

Alyssa Bosch had perfect scores in four of her five preliminary rounds, going into the finals of serious oral interp in first place. She also had a strong showing in semis and finals including a second-place ranking from one finals judge, and took fourth in the event.

Senior Jared Hansen scored in the top half of every preliminary round, earning his way into semis.

Senior Brent Donovan also made it on stage to accept a medal in his event, impromptu speaking. Donovan had scores in the top half of each of his preliminary rounds, including a first-place finish, then in semis scored his way into the final round.

Donovan took sixth place in impromptu.

Senior Brad Wagner scored two first-place and a second-place finish in the preliminaries in impromptu speaking, then had a bad break with some low scores in semis. Wagner took a 13th-place finish in impromptu.

Four-year speech veteran Richard Leeds also had a strong showing at the tournament, taking seventh in humorous oral interpretation of literature.



Courtesy photo
The Havre High School speech and debate team Saturday, Jan. 30, awaits the awards ceremony to start at the Maroon Center in Butte at the end of the Class A State Speech, Debate and Drama Tournament.

Leeds scored well in the preliminary rounds, earning one first-, one second- and two third-place finishes in the preliminaries of humorous oral interp to break into semifinals. He also scored well in that round, and up-and-down scoring in the finals — one judge ranked Leeds second, but the other two gave low marks — gave him a seventh-place state medal in the event.

Senior Rhett Lowder, also a four-year speech veteran, ended up in ninth place in original oratory. Lowder, who took sixth at state in 2008, had a first-place and three second-place rankings in the preliminaries, but tough judging in the semifinals put him

in a tie for the eighth-place spot to go into finals. Lowder lost a tie-breaking procedure to put him at ninth.

Sophomore Rebekah Martin also scored well in the preliminaries and performed well in semifinals to earn a 13th-place finish in oratory.

The team will next travel to Helena in two weeks to compete at the nationals qualifying tournament. Competitors at that tournament who score in the top places at their event will qualify for the National Forensic League national tournament, to be held this year in Birmingham, Ala., June 14-19.

Please join us with your friendship and memories as we honor our mother, **Mary Blair**, on her very special birthday. **Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009** Drop in between **12:15 to 2:00pm** for a light buffet luncheon and cake. The wonderful gift of your presence is all we ask. **Where:** Virginia, New Friends, Any Church - please call Vicki 852-8824

Transportation Commission Meeting

8:30 a.m. - February 12, 2009

Transportation Commission Room
2701 Prospect Avenue
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10:15 am - Local Government Officials

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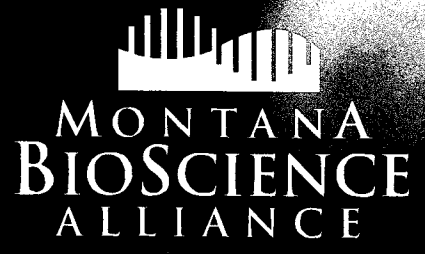
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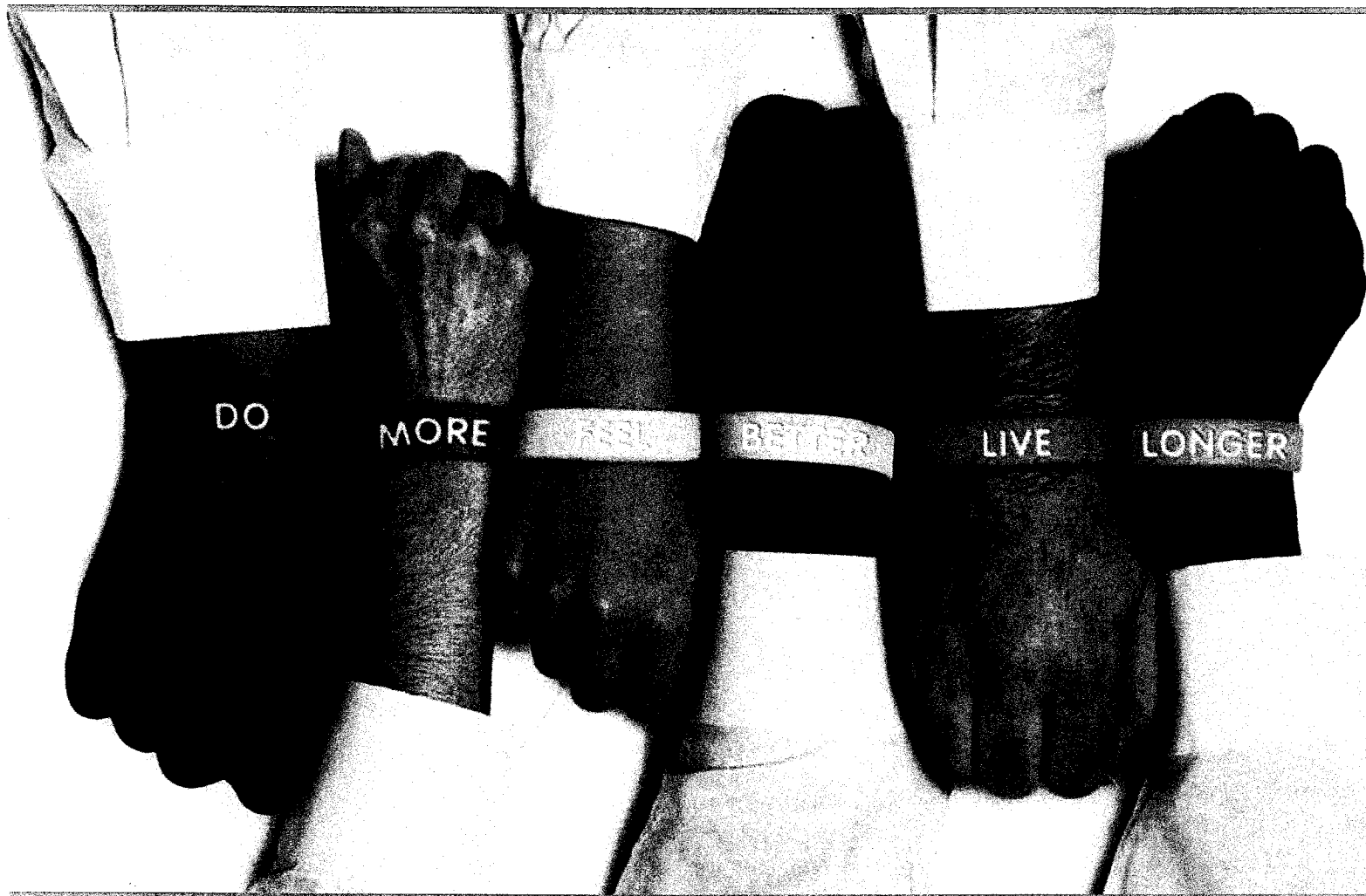
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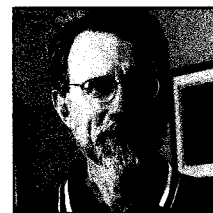
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